Notice City of Ellsworth Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Shellfish Licenses

Resident commercial shellfish licenses will be on sale beginning Friday June 15, 2012 at the Ellsworth City Clerks Office at 1 City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth, Maine. These licenses will be sold to residents of Trenton, Hancock, Sullivan, Franklin, Sorrento, Lamoine and Ellsworth on an unlimited basis. *No renewal commercial licenses will be sold without the proper 12 (commercial) or 6 (junior/senior) hours of conservation time being completed before June 15, 2012. Failure to renew a commercial license for any reason on or after June 15, 2012 will make you ineligible to purchase a license until the 2013 licenses go on sale.*

Non-resident commercial license holders who currently hold a Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation shellfish license <u>must</u> renew their license before July 1, 2012 or they are disqualified, lose seniority, and are ineligible until the 2013 drawing. No renewal commercial licenses will be sold without the proper 12 (commercial) or 6 (junior/senior) hours of conservation time being completed before June 15, 2012.

Applications for the 2012 non-resident commercial license lottery must be received by the Administrative Municipality (City of Ellsworth) no later than 5 PM on June 1, 2012. Postmarks will not be accepted. The lottery will be held Friday, June 15, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Ellsworth City Hall.

A copy of the Annual Shellfish License Allocation Plan is available for review at Ellsworth City Hall during normal business hours.

All recreational licenses will be available starting Friday June 15, 2012 on an unlimited basis to both residents and nonresidents and are not effective until July 1, 2012. Recreational licenses will be available at all of the participating municipalities, subject to their individual Town Office hours.

<u>CAUTION: All licensed commercial shellfish harvesters must have earned the required conservation</u> <u>hours in order to renew their license.</u>